

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACT SHEET

Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services

This fact sheet contains information about the impact of alcohol and other drug use in the Seventh Essex Representative District. Admission data were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Substance Abuse Management Information System in FY 2002.

Residents of Seventh Essex Representative District

Treatment Admissions

In FY 2002, there were 124,539 admissions to licensed substance abuse treatment services in all of Massachusetts; less than one percent (782) of these admissions reside in the Seventh Essex Representative District. 5% (41) of admissions from the Seventh Essex Representative District were under 17 years of age. **Please note that these statistics represent only individual admissions, and represent a figure lower than the actual number of constituents in need of treatment services.** In FY 2002, admissions to all residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment services from the Seventh Essex Representative District reported the following characteristics:

- 66% were male and 34% were female.
- 59% were between the ages of 21-39.
- 85% were white non-Latino, 4% were black non-Latino, 8% were Latino, and 3% were other racial categories.
- 67% were never married, 13% were married, and 19% reported not to be married now.
- 31% had less than high school education, 47% completed high school, and 22% had more than high school education.
- 34% were employed.
- 8% were homeless.
- 40% had prior mental health treatment.

Primary Substance of Use

At admission clients also identify a "primary drug" of use that is the substance for which the client is seeking treatment. Table 1 compares the proportional distribution of primary drugs in Massachusetts with that for the Seventh Essex Representative District.

Table 1					
Primary Drug by District and State FY 2002					
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
District	52%	23%	8%	6%	2%
State	45%	37%	6%	4%	3%

Substances Used in Past Year

Upon entering treatment, each client is asked to report ALL substances used in the past year (12 months) prior to admission. Admissions frequently report using more than one substance within the year. The use of more than one psychoactive substance, such as alcohol and marijuana, is referred to as 'polydrug' or 'polysubstance' use.

Table 2 shows ALL substances which clients reported using in the year prior to admission, as well as the prevalence of injection drug users (or IDU's) are individuals who use a needle to ingest cocaine, crack, heroin or another drug to get high.

Table 2 Annual Admissions by Substance Used FY 1995 – FY 2002 Seventh Essex Representative District							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
FY '95	659	538	207	221	164	144	117
FY '96	560	450	177	162	106	124	87
FY '97	564	466	189	149	103	130	100
FY '98	585	464	213	191	82	150	113
FY '99	630	504	213	205	101	191	157
FY '00	748	571	249	192	91	181	151
FY '01	680	534	206	182	64	214	156
FY '02	782	587	270	219	80	211	126